

AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read as follows:

**--PROCESS FOR REDUCING THE LIME CONSUMPTION IN SUGAR BEET JUICE
PURIFICATION--.**

AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, after the title of the invention:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a 35 U.S.C. §371 National Phase conversion of PCT/EP2004/012046 filed October 26, 2004, which claims priority of German Application No. 103 50 672.1 filed October 30, 2003. The PCT International Application was published in the German language.

On page 1, after the "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS," delete "Description" and insert:

Field of the Invention

On page 1, before the second paragraph beginning with, "Conventionally, sugar is obtained from beets by first ...," please insert:

Background of the Invention

On page 6, between lines 6-7, before the paragraph beginning with, "The present invention solves the technical problem...", please insert:

Summary of the Invention

On page 11, between lines 1-2, before the paragraph beginning with, "Preliming" is understood to mean the addition of," please insert:

Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments

On page 34, after line 1, after the section title "Example", please insert:

The following Example is provided only for the purpose of illustrating the invention. It should not be deemed as limiting the invention in any manner.

On page 50, please delete "Claims" and insert:

What is claimed is: